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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ILO PLAB

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN ROLE AT INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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- 1. ALTHOUGH INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IS NOW OVER, DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY CAIRO MAY FIND FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION USEFUL IN UNDERSTANDING EGYPTIAN ACCUSATION THAT USDEL HAS BEEN INFLEXIBLE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON ARTICLE17.
- 2. AT MARCH SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY, HOROWITZ MADE IT CLEAR TO G-77 AND OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS THAT U.S. WELCOMED THEIR IDEAS ON AMENDMENT. SINCE THAT TIME AND UNTIL EVE OF LAST DAY OF ILC, WHEN COMPROMISE BECAME HOPELESS, US MAINTAINED THIS OPENNESS. IN DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO WITH FONMIN FAHMY AND MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTOR, HOROWITZ SPELLED OUT US IDEAS IN DETAIL. FAHMY AGREED WITH PRINCIPLE THAT MEMBER STATE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED WITHOUT FAIR INVESTIGATION. FAHMY FURTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREED US AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS SHOULD MEET JUST BEFORE AND DURING ILC TO TRY TO WORK OUT TEXT ACCORDING TO ABOVE PRINCIPLE. HOROWITZ AND USDEL MET WITH EL SHAFEI AND HIS STAFF BEFORE ILC. AT NO TIME BEFORE OR DURING ILC DID EL SHAFEI SHOW SERIOUS INTEREST -- EITHER AS GOE OR AS G-77 REP -- IN IMPLEMENTING FAHMY'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. TO THE CONTRARY, EL

SHAFEI'S HOSTILITY TO US SENSIBILITIES AND OBJECTIVES, AND HIS SKILL IN LEADING G-77 AT ILC IS MATTER OR RECORD.

3. THE CHARGE THAT THE US WAS INFLEXIBLE OR SHOWED NO SIGN OF COMPROMISE IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. IT CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD IN TERMS OF THE G-77 DEMAND FOR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.SORENSON

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